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SUBJECT: ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION - REVISED ENGLISH TEXT OF
CHINESE LETTER

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FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF CHINESE LETTER PASSED US
AT AUG 28 MEETING WITH HSIAO TEH. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL. WE
WILL TRANSMIT ENGLISH TEXT OF PROTOCOL AND COMMENTS AUGUST 29.

EXCELLENCY,

WHEN DR. HENRY KISSINGER, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS,
WAS ON A VISIT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
IN FEBRUARY, 1973, HE EXPRESSED TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
THE HOPE THAT THE EXHIBITION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD BE HELD IN THE UNITED
STATES. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT,
WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
IS AGREEABLE TO THE HOLDING OF THIS EXHIBITION AT
THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND AT
THE NELSON GALLERY-ATKINS MUSEUM IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
FROM DECEMBER 8, 1974 TO JUNE 7, 1975.

TO ENSURE THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION, I
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WISH TO CALL YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING

POINTS:

1. THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXHIBITION ON THE CHINESE SIDE IS THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF EXHIBITIONS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXHIBITION WITH A CORRESPONDING BODY OF THE UNITED STATES.

2. ANNEX A CONTAINS A LIST OF THE OBJECTS TO BE EXHIBITED. INDIVIDUAL VALUATIONS OF THESE OBJECTS ARE LISTED IN ANNEX B. THESE ANNEXES SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXHIBITION ON BOTH SIDES.

3. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMMUNITY FOR THE OBJECTS LISTED IN ANNEX A WHILE THEY ARE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES SIDE SHALL ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE OBJECTS AFTER THEIR ENTRY INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO FACILITATE THE SMOOTH HANDLING OF THE EXHIBITION.

4. THE OBJECTS SHALL BE HANDED OVER BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN TORONTO, AND, AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE EXHIBITION, THEY SHALL BE HANDED OVER IN PEKING BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE PROCEDURE FOR HANDING OVER THE OBJECTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BETWEEN THE BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXHIBITION ON THE TWO SIDES.

5. IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE OF THE OBJECTS DURING SHIPMENT FROM TORONTO TO WASHINGTON, OR WHILE THEY ARE IN THE UNITED STATES OR EN ROUTE FROM KANSAS CITY BACK TO PEKING, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL INDEMNIFY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL VALUATIONS AS LISTED IN ANNEX B.

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IN THE EVENT THAT LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTS FROM ACTS OF FORCE MAJEURE -- CRASH OF AIRCRAFT, WAR OR WARLIKE OPERATIONS AND STRONG EARTHQUAKES -- INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE OF 50 PER CENT OF THE VALUES LISTED FOR THE INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS IN ANNEX B.

6. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE OBJECTS

FROM TORONTO TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.
TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
TO PEKING. THE MEANS OF TRANSPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY
THE UNITED STATES SIDE.

7. ANY QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE HOLDING OF THIS EXHIBITION SHALL BE
SETTLED THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE OFFICIAL
ORGANS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD KINDLY CONFIRM THE ABOVE-
MENTIONED POINTS IN A LETTER OF REPLY, THIS LETTER AND
YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OUR TWO SIDES.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO
YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED). . . .
VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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